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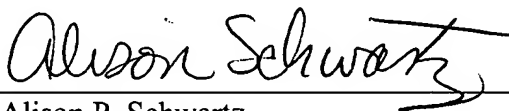
Claims 1-26 are pending in the above-identified application, of which claims 18-25 are allowed. Claims 1-5, 13, 14, and 26 were rejected. Claims 6-12 and 15-17 were objected to. With this Amendment, claims 1-17 and 26 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 18-25 are at issue in the above-identified application.

As the only claims which remain in the application are allowed claims 18-25, the application is now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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